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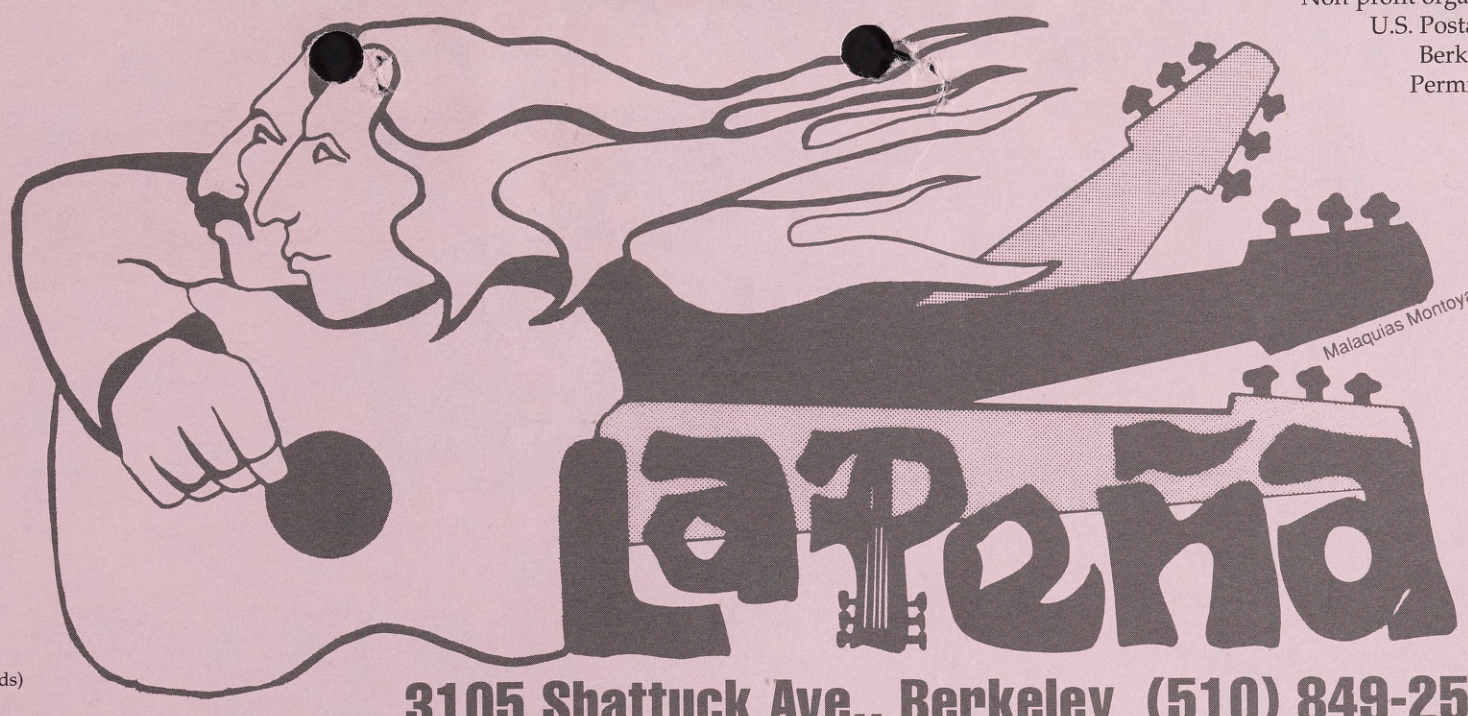
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La Peña
Cultural Center
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La Tienda Gift Shop
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Wed. - Sat. 12 - 8 pm
(510) 849-2215

Café Vox Populi
Wed. – Sun. 5:30 pm
(510) 548-5514

* indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that tarjetas (La Peña discount cards) are not valid. Programs subject to change.
La Peña is wheelchair accessible.



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Cultural Center Calendar January 1996

DOM - SUN	LUN - MON	MAR - TUE	MIER - WED	JUEV - THURS	VIER - FRI	SAB - SAT
		1 **2** **¡Feliz Año Nuevo!** **Get Involved!** We urge everyone to work to effect positive social change by getting involved with groups working to challenge the widening gap between rich and poor; defending immigrant, welfare, gay rights, and defending a women's right to choose. We need to work together to build a broad progressive movement to defeat the forces that feed racial hatred and attack the poor. Let's cancel the contract on America!	**3** OPEN MIC POETRY IN CAFE EVERY WED. Hosted by Blake Tolbert 7:30pm $2 donation	**4** SURF THE NET Free internet connection every Thursday from 6pm-9:30pm courtesy of GTE Mobilenet	**5** CONCERT **Billy Tipton Memorial Saxophone Quartet** The all-female saxophone quartet with drummer make their La Peña return engagement. With a repertoire that ranges from New Orleans jump groove to hip hop, punk to East European klezmer and beyond, BTMSQ creates some of the wildest sounds ever to come out of a saxophone quartet. **8pm $8**	**6** SAT. MORNING KIDS' PROGRAM (SEE BOX BELOW) Café Vox Populi serves delcious dinners starting at 5:30pm
7 La Peña gratefully acknowledges funding support for our programs from the following: Alameda County Arts Commission; Berkeley Civic Arts Commission; California Arts Council, a state agency; East Bay Community Fund, Fleishacker Foundation, James Irvine Foundation; LEF Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal agency that supports the visual, literary and performing arts to benefit all Americans; Target, Vanguard Public Foundation; and Zellerbach Family Fund.	**General and Ticket Information** For programs that indicate that advance tickets are available, you may purchase those tickets at our store, La Tienda, up to 5 pm on the day of the show. **We now accept charges by phone.** You may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and we'll send you the tickets. Seating is open, so come early for a good seat. During concerts, we ask that you not leave or enter the hall while the performance is in progress. Parking may be difficult during some performances. Please do not block driveways or park in blue zones. As in any urban area, please hide all valuables and be alert to your surroundings.	**10** OPEN MIC POETRY IN CAFE EVERY WED. Hosted by Bob Randolph 7:30pm $2 donation	**11** Every Thurs. in Jan. Free online time at the café. Explore the world wide web.	**12** **Café open from 5:30pm** **Free dj hosted music starting at 10:30pm**	**13** SATURDAY MORNING KIDS' PROGRAM (SEE BOX BELOW) CONCERT **Jennifer Berezan, Nina Gerber, Anthony Costello and Friends** Love, politics, and spirit at the end of the millennium. An evening of gorgeous vocals, dynamic guitars and great songs. Celebrating the release of Jennifer's new CD "She Carries Me" (recorded with Olympia Dukakis). **8pm $10 in adv. $12 at the door** Adv. tix available at La Tienda
14 CONCERT **Mystic Journeyman presents Underground Survivors** Live jazz, a cappella spoken word. A night of cultural experience **6:30pm–9:30pm $5**	**15** Our offices will be closed today in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday  *"We are caught up in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. What affects one directly, affects all indirectly. As long as there is poverty in this world, no man can be totally rich even if he has a billion dollars. As long as diseases are rampant and millions of people cannot expect to live more than twenty or thirty years, no man can be totally healthy, even if he just got a clean bill of health from the finest clinic in America. Strangely enough, I can never be what I ought to be until I am what I ought to be."* – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	**17** OPEN MIC POETRY IN CAFE EVERY WED. Women Poetry Night 7:30pm $2 donation	**18** **Art at the Vox during Jan. and Feb.** A group show featuring Local Artists from the Art Works Foundry Artist Reception Jan. 18 beginning at 7pm Scultpures, paintings, lithographs & more by: Lex Lucius, Angie Garbarina, Gabrielle Curry, Raymond Suarez, Joel Peril.	**19** CONCERT **Poetic Justice** Featuring Joy Harjo, John Williams, Susan Williams, Willie Johnson, Richard Carbajal, and Frank Poocha. The band's unique style is inspired by traditional American cultures fused with styles drawn from jazz, blues, and the haunting poetry of Joy Harjo. The group describes their music as "tribal-jazz-reggae." **8pm $10**	**20** SATURDAY MORNING KIDS' PROGRAM (SEE BOX BELOW) BAILE **Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band** salsa, cumbia,polkas y más **9:30pm $8**
21 VIDEO **23rd Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade** Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women presents **Jane: An Abortion Service**, a video about a Chicago women's health service. In interviews, former clinic members convey the courage and humor necessary to manage their underground clinic. Reception at 6pm spon. by Oakland /EB NOW. **6:30pm $5-10***		**24** OPEN MIC POETRY IN CAFE EVERY WED. Voices of Youth 7:30pm $2 donation	**25** Send electronic mail free via trial online service in the Café Vox Populi	**26** VIDEO BENEFIT **¡Viva La Causa!** A 60 minute introduction to the colonization and resistance of Mexican American people from pre-Columbian times to the present. This video teaches the Chicano history that textbooks usually ignore or deny, and connects that history with the issues we face today. With music & discussion w/ film makers. Co-spon. by U.C. MECHA & La Peña. **8pm $2-$7***	**27** SATURDAY MORNING KIDS' PROGRAM (SEE BOX BELOW) CONCERT **Voices: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble** "These girls can sing!"–Ysaye Barnwell, *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. Directed by Valerie Brown, Voices is now into its 8th season. They have performed with Melanie DeMore, Erika Luckett, & Jackeline Rago. **8pm $10**
28 **La Peña Online** Find out about La Peña's programs on line. Check out this site: The Electronic Grapevine: http:www.e-grapevine.com/	**La Peña Wish List** Mac SE/30, Mac Performa • toner for laser printer • hard disk Macs • manila file folders • copy bond • sturdy music stands • lighting instruments • TV monitor with video outlet. If you can donate or sell items at low cost please contact Paul Chin at La Peña (510) 849-2568 ext. 17.	**31** OPEN MIC POETRY IN CAFE EVERY WED. Hosted by Bob Randolph 7:30pm $2 donation			

Post Holiday Gifts at La Tienda Gift Shop

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY STORE

Come celebrate the New Year with La Tienda
For 2 weeks only, January 2 - 15, specially marked items up to 75% off.
Huge discouints on books, crafts, music, and other merchandise.

La Tienda is open
Tuesday 12—5 pm Wednesday — Staurday 12—8 pm

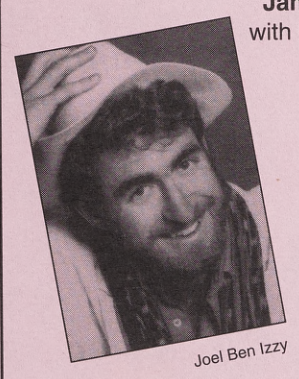
JANUARY'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Jan. 6: Join traveling storyteller, **Joel Ben Izzy**, recently returned from Hong Kong and other points far away in a morning full of fun stories.

Jan. 13 Half 'n Half present delightful stories and songs in ASL.

Jan 20 : Enjoy awesome juggling and humor with the **Boogie Down Jugglers**

Jan. 27: Plum City Players featuring songs and stories with Nancy Schimmel, Bonnie Lockhart, and Annie Hershey


Joel Ben Izzy

All shows start at 10:30am
Children $2 • Adults $3


Half n Half

Children's programming made possible in part by a grant from Target Stores

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Billie Tipton Memorial Saxophone Quartet



Fri. Jan. 5 • 8pm
"The all-women BTMSQ will make you hoot and swoon." – Village Voice

Jennifer Berezan



Sat.Jan. 13 • 8pm
"On stage Berezan's striking vocals and impressive guitar playing bring to life finely honed songs that probe politics, street scenes .... and matters of the heart, and the meaning of life."
– Larry Kelp, *Express* music critic.

Poetic Justice



Fri. Jan. 19 • 8pm
Joy Harjo is a nationally recognized Native American poet known for her lyrical poetry. Now she has combined her poetic skills with her music to form a band with a unique sound they describe as "tribal jazz reggae." The band features Joy Harjo on sax, John Williams on bass, Susan Williams, drums, Willie Johnson, guitar, Richard Carbajal, guitar and vocals, and Frank Poocha, keyboard, percussion, and vocals.

Languages, Culture & Social Sciences

SPANISH - $7/Hour

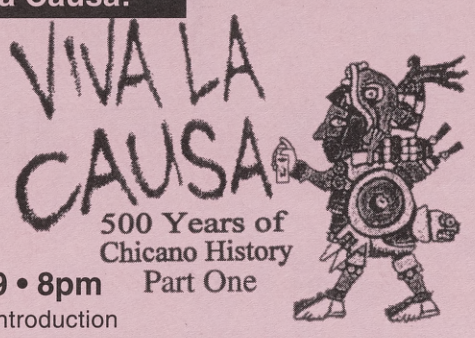
Regular Weekdays & Saturday Classes
Intensive Classes: Sociology, Political Sciences, Culture, Social Work, Counseling, Health, etc.

ALSO: Spanish for Children ¥ Translation & Interpretation Services ¥ Business Spanish at your Work Place ¥ Total Immersion Program in Guatemala ¥ Tutoring ¥ Socially Responsible Environment.

DEC. 18 - JAN. 19 FIVE-WEEK-IN-A-ROW
1 Week: $110 • 3 Weeks: $315
2 Weeks: $215 • 4 Weeks: $410
• All 5 Weeks: $500 •

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Since 1975, more than 500 community groups have used La Peña's facilities. The use of our space by these organizations does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña feels that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion and understanding among different peoples and points of view.

CLASS SCHEDULE AT LA PEÑA

La Peña is proud to offer free Latin American workshops sponsored by the California Arts Council Artist in Residence program and La Peña. Enrollment is limited and permission from the instructor is required. For more information, call (510) 849-2568 Ext. 16 M - F 12 - 5 pm. (TS = Theater Space, CR = Community Room behind La Tienda.

MONDAYS
Afro-Cuban Adult Ensemble – Free
(6:00 - 8:00 pm, TS) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

TUESDAYS
Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro – Free
(7:00 - 8:00 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro – Free
(8:00 - 9:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago

NEW CLASS - Salsa Aerobics
New class with with instructor Ezequiel Mendoza. The class is designed as a fun work out class. Classes are from 5-7pm and will have you sweating to merengue, mambo, Afro-Cuban, salsa, and cha cha. $8 per class.

Latin American Chorus – Free.
(8:00 – 10:00 pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes.

WEDNESDAYS
Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion – Free
(5:30 - 7:30pm, CR) Instructor: Ray Davis

The Instrumental Singer: An A Cappella Vocal Workshop led by Joey Blake of Sovosó (on break until February)

THURSDAYS
Introduction to Afro-Cuban Rhythms – Free
(5:30 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Guillermo Céspedes

SATURDAYS

NEW CLASS Conga Instruction with Edgardo Cambón
(12:00 - 1:30pm, CR) January 13 - February 10



Edgardo has been drumming for over 18 years and has studied with master drummer Jose Luis "Changuito" Quintana since 1985. The main purpose of his workshop will be to improve technique, endurance and improvisational skills as well as coordination for conga drumming and singing. This is not a beginner class. Requirements: Bring two conga drums. Knowledge of basic two drum rhythms for son, guaguancó, güiro (6/8), at medium and fast tempos. $10/per class for 5 classes, $15 drop in. Payment made at beginning of session.

Popular Cuban dance class with Roberto Borrell. $10/class for 4 classes or $12/class for single class (2:00 – 3:30pm, TS)

Ad Space Available

La Peña's calendar reaches people who are concerned about global social justice issues and support diversity in all aspects of life. Ad space limited to not-for-profit activities. Cost: $35 a column inch. For more info. call our ad dept. at 849-2568 ext. 17.

LA PEÑA AUDIENCE SURVEY

Please help us evaluate our programs and activities. You could win two passes to six months worth of programs.

Audience Profile

1. Age: ❑ under 30 years old ❑ 30-40 ❑ 40-50 ❑ 50-60 ❑ 60+ **2.** Level of education: ❑ HS diploma/GED ❑ some college ❑college degree ❑ post-graduate degree

3. Annual household income : ❑ under 25,000 ❑ 25,000-30,000 ❑ 30,000-40,000, ❑ 40,000-50,000, ❑ over 60,000

4. My occupation is: _____ My zip code area is:_____

5. How do you define yourself racially?
❑ Black, ❑ Asian ❑ Latino ❑ Native people ❑ Caucasian ❑ Multi-racial **6.** Are you bi-lingual? If yes, in what language? _____

7. What programs/events brings you to our center?
❑ classes ❑ dances ❑ dance peformances ❑ concerts ❑ children's programs ❑ poetry ❑ film/video
❑ political events ❑ gallery exhibits ❑ La Tienda ❑ Cafe Vox Populi

8. How often do you attend events at our center? ❑ More than 4x a month, ❑ 6x a year, ❑ less than 5 times a year

9. Places you go to listen to music
❑ Kimballs ❑ Yoshis ❑ Cal Performances ❑ Pasands, ❑ Ashkenaz, ❑ Eli's Mile Other_____

10. Check which music style appeals to you the most
❑ folk, ❑rap/hip hop, ❑ jazz, ❑ contemporary, ❑ Latin, ❑ gospel, blues, other_____

11. When attending events how important are the following? 5 = highest rating – 1= lowest rating

Band and the Type of Music:	5	4	3	2	1	Parking and Security	5	4	3	2	1
Pricing and hall comfort:	5	4	3	2	1	Non-Smoking Enviroment	5	4	3	2	1

other considerations:

12. Where do you go for information about events

Dailies
❑ S.F. Daily Chron/Examiner
❑ Sun. Chron/Exam "pink" section
❑ Oakland Tribune

Other sources
❑ Bay Guardian
❑ Express
❑ Cambio

❑ KPFA Radio
❑ other radio stations
❑ La Peña Calendar of events

❑ mailing/flyer
❑ friend
I saw a ❑ article ❑ review ❑ listing in the following paper:_____

Suggestions for programs and improvements:

Results of the survey are confidential. Please fill in this section to enter the drawing for a chance to win 2 Six month passes to La Peña Cultural Center events

❑ Please send me the calendar for free for six months. ❑ I'm interested in volunteering. Please call me.
Here's my year end tax-deductible donation of $_____ to support La Peña's cultural work.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Return Survey to: La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, CA 94705